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(By SEAN WILSON)

Ready For Complications

Since a tough, hard electoral "Battle for the Ballots" is not unexpected behind the scenes around Parliament Hill, the machinery is already for whatever complications are likely to arise in the coming general election as these may arise in other nation-wide tests of public opinion, particularly during wartime. Indeed, just about the toughest assignment is now in the hands of Canada's chief electoral officer, Jules Cantagay, though he has had as much as thirty-three years of experience in this electoral service. Nevertheless, bearing in mind what has happened in the past when a tough, hard "Battle for Ballots" was fought, especially in wartime, Canada's chief electoral officer may need all the experiences that he has acquired during his long service, since it would fall upon his shoulders the responsibility to pass judgment with a strict judicial impartiality upon questions pertaining to the interpretation of the Elections Act. However, everything is in readiness for complications of this nature, and this preparedness is in addition to the other extensive plans which have already been made, including the mailing of hundreds of printed instructions, notices, etc., to hundreds of clerks on the electoral list throughout this country as well as to the armed forces.

No Domination

There is much interest in this capital around the gossip which has been heard here in Ottawa, about the opposition against any international organization for peace and security dominated by the so-called "great powers," and this has about cut in half belief to the events which have been selected to the department of Canada's delegation to the San Francisco World Security Conference. While there is not the slightest doubt that there is need for the establishment of a strong international organization to maintain a peaceful world order based on justice, yet in the words of one famous Canadian diplomat who is a member of the Canadian delegation to this San Francisco Conference, there is a belief "that an organization should be truly international and not mere alliance of the great powers."

Ambitious Programme

The casualty rehabilitation section of the Veterans' Affairs

Department in Ottawa has an ambitious programme which calls for every veteran in Canada to be given employment commensurate with his abilities, particularly remembering that during the war effort of this nation, in which over 1.5 million men have been called upon to serve, it is planned not merely to be concerned with the treatment of these veterans, but to place them in the industrial and commercial life of the country, so that employers of labor may make surveys of their plants to determine the physical requirements of various jobs, and enable the job to suit the physical abilities of these veterans as well as their temperamental qualities. "We intend to streamline this rehabilitation service," said, in part, the Deputy Minister of Veterans' Affairs Department, Walter S. Woods. "We intend to do so by rehabilitating our ex-servicemen and women or people in the attempt. The programme was the most comprehensive of any country."

Lack of Good Taste

Complaints have been heard in Parliament Hill that in the Family Allowance forms sent out by the Department of National Health and Welfare there has been an accompaniment of publicity or advertising which is far below the dignity which should deal with the subject, since this publicity or advertising contained the technique of the comic strip, and this has been interpreted as entirely in bad taste for this purpose.

Reinforcements Overseas

Parliamentary Assistant to Defence Minister McNaughton, Douglas Abbott, has disclosed that the building of reinforcements has reached a point 75 per cent in excess of the number estimated last November. At the end of December, reinforcements were 10 per cent more than anticipated; at the end of January, 40 per cent; at the end of February, 50 per cent; and at the end of March, more than 75 per cent than estimated. However, he corrected an earlier statement that the savings in the casualties since November compared to advance estimates was 10,000. It was now about 12,000. For November and December casualties were 5,500 less than estimated; for January 3,000 less, and for February 2,000 less. The saving in military casualties was about 75 per cent of the total saving.

Measured in ton miles, Canadian men more freight train service per capita than any other country.

Dominion General Election on June 11

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King announced, last week, that the date for the next dominion general election had been fixed for June 11. The writ was issued Monday, April 16, and enumerators all over the country will begin next week their task of preparing the lists of eligible voters.

U. F. W. A.

The March meeting of the Delia U.F.W.A. was held on the regular meeting day, with Mrs. W. L. Carter presiding.

United routine business was attended to.

Stock night was expressed by members in lauding one of our charter members, Mr. Geo. Edgley, for his role to make her home in Calgary.

Mrs. Henry Moore read a number of letters received, and conducted a guessing contest. Mr. B. Brown won the prize.

Meeting adjourned for a half-hour social period around the tea table, while the hostesses, Mrs. C. Greer and Mrs. W. L. Carter, served tea.

DELIA STUDENTS' UNION

The Delia Students' Union gave a Variety Concert and Student Training Demonstration on the evening of Friday, April 13, in the Olympia Theatre, Delia.

The programme opened with "O, Canada!" followed by the Theme Song, composed and sung by the Music Club Mr. Bell then put his P.T. Class through a "Warming Up" Table, which was very effective, since the members of the group were their first school exercises.

Interpreted with songs and folk dances, the remaining items of the P.T. Class were well carried out.

Special recognition should be made to Stanley Hume and Gordon Bell for the lead stands in Stan Kear and Bill Mins for the standing hand-dog, and to Alfred Piller and Scaville Humphreys for a difficult shoulder stand, exhibiting presence in balance and co-ordination. The girls were not to be outdone and gave fine demonstrations of "skinning-the-cat," and single, double, and triple splits.

Mrs. K. Kemp's Primary Room Rhythm Band added a bit of variety with two lively selections.

The "Pie Without Words," given by the pupils of Mrs. Fitzsimmons' room, caused an enthusiastic conclusion when one of the principal characters, the cat, decided to dance his theatrical career, and retire to the audience.

The programme was announced throughout by various members of the Second Term Xenophiles, viz: President—Stan Kear; Vice President—Bilkie Moore; Secretary—Bill Mins; Social Conventor—Yvonne Price.

Regrets No Cut in Licenses

Keen disappointment that the provincial budget for the fiscal year 1945-46 does not contain provision for a reduction in motor license fees has been expressed by officials of the Alberta Motor Association.

Some weeks ago, the A.M.A. made strong representations to the government as to the crying need for such reductions in license fees to the car owners.

The estimation, however, show that the government expects to obtain \$1,000,000 from car owners' license fees, this amount being the same as that estimated for the current period.

A.M.A. officials say that it is the firm intention to maintain the same principle initiated by this organization to bring about a general reduction in license costs. Also, they are urging the government to undertake an extensive highway improvement program, re-erecting eroded and damaged bridges for this purpose after the war if labor and equipment problems make it impossible to carry out a full program at the present time.

Saved by Selling—Buy War Savings Bonds Regularly

Minutes M.D. Council of Starland, No. 277

(Continued from last week)

Moved by one McLaren and carried, that C. Chiswell, C.A. Drumheller, be appointed auditor of the society for the previous year.

The following five Warden were appointed on motion of com. Hiner:

Division 1—D. Lavett, Balchour; A. M. Fletcher, Dal; T. S. Broadbent, Delia; J. D. McKay, Delia; Division 2—W. B. Sharpe, Musson; Howard McDonald, Musson; Wm. Bussell, Michell; J. H. Poole, Drumheller.

Division 3—O. J. Olson, Musson; T. Noland, Morris; F. W. Holt, Drumheller; A. A. Farrer, Delia.

Division 4—Henry Swallow, Rosser; R. E. Matheson, Rosser; J. McLaughlin, Rosser.

Division 5—E. M. Herman, Dal; N. B. Bonin, Dal; R. Farrell, Musson; J. Walters, Drumheller; J. E. Ellis, Rosser.

Moved by com. McLaren and carried, that this Council make application to the Provincial Government in the sum of \$14,000.00 for road construction for 1945, located as follows:

South sec. 1 to 4 in R. 17 W. 4
East sec. 17 to 22 in R. 17 W. 4
East sec. 1 to 13 in R. 20 W. 4
East sec. 27 to 34 in R. 19 W. 4
East sec. 2 to 23 in R. 11 W. 4
East sec. 22 to 23 in R. 20 W. 4
East sec. 4 & 9 in R. 21 W. 4
East sec. 22 to 23 in R. 21 W. 4
Through 19 23 21 W. 4 and East 21 to 23 W. 4
South 42 17 W. 4 and East 21 to 23 W. 4

Also for a grant in the sum of \$8,000.00 for graveling various roads throughout the Municipality.

Moved by com. Rowe and carried, that Del. Ross Carter inspect and estimate claimed by R. W. Bixby on Sec. 29 17 W. 4, and arrange payment.

Moved by com. Holmer and carried, that a grant of \$100.00 be made to the Canadian National Hotel and the Hotel and that the necessary By-law be passed.

By-law No. 55 was accordingly given three readings and passed unanimously.

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"Time Bombs"

The new world we all want may be just around the corner, but we'll have to go straight to get there.

Different races do not clash so long as they run side by side towards the goal.

Goal "Freedom from fear" is free from shame. The man or nation who has put things right with God and men has nothing to be afraid of.



● You have reason for just pride if you have done all you could do, on the home front, to support the gallant effort of our men in active service.

If you have desired your pleasure and comforts to buy Victory Bonds, you, too, have played a part in helping your country's war effort.

You have worked and saved and lent your savings to your country. With out this help from you and from millions of her citizens, your country could not have maintained the position near peace she now occupies among the freedom-loving nations.

Canada has the use of your savings to help to win victory. (You will have this money to use for your own needs later.)

Perhaps you wish you could have done more. Well, you will be asked to do more. Men have been asked back will tell you that there is lost to you, Canadians are on active service, on the fighting front. More money is needed to support their effort.

You are asked to keep on working and saving and you will be asked to put more savings into Victory Bonds. They are the best investment any Canadian can make; an investment that every Canadian should make.



Get ready to buy VICTORY BONDS
Buy Victory Loan Opens April 23rd
NATIONAL WAR FINANCE COMMISSION

MINE WILL CLOSED

Don't PUT OFF ORDERING YOUR COAL

Unless our Western coal mines have orders for coal, you cannot keep it. At work now money not enough cost for new winter coal. You may be sure of having adequate heat in your home when cold weather comes. Write to mine today to get the kind of coal you prefer. Fill your bin at once.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND SUPPLY
Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister

